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Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Inasmuch as a study of such statistics will be very useful for considering agrarian reform, will the Government take an early decision and see that the information, as and when it is supplied to Government is also given to Members? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Yes, Sir. As I said already, it will be considered as soon as the census report is completed."

Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Since the collection of these statistics is of vital importance to the introduction of agricultural reform, may I know whether the Government will give due publicity to this work in the villages, so that the villagers may also be consulted and their co-operation sought before these village officers make up their census figures? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Sir, that is why I said, ' let the census be completed and let us know what it is '. Then we will be able to say something." 9–30 a.m.

Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister has not answered my point. As the statistics are collected, will it not be better to give publicity then and there among the people whose co-operation is also sought so that there may not be any fictitious statistics? "

The Hon Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Even for the purpose suggested by the hon. Member I must have some information to give to the people. So, it all depends upon the figures and other information that we are able to collect. We must know what information we can make available to the people. That is why I said we may await the completion of the census."

Sri P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" May I know when this census is likely to be completed? Will it be completed before August? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Much earlier than August, Sir."

Neyveli Lignite Project

* 1705 *Q.*—Sri S. DAIVASIGAMONEY (on behalf of Sri A. Ratnam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have any programme to start an industrial town at Neyveli?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" None at present, Sir. After an integrated scheme for the mining and utilization of lignite has been evolved on the basis of the results of the pilot project now in progress, the question of an industrial township will be pursued."